

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIAPPA): (a) No, Sir. The National Highway 5 forming part of Golden Quadrilateral for the Kolkata-Chennai section, which includes the stretch between Jkarka and Tikar in Orissa is not a death trap and is in traffic worthy condition.

(b) No report on the accidents has been received from Police Authority, who is investigating and maintaining the record of accidents.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. This National Highway is substantially 4-lanned with divided carriageway which prevents accident. The balance length of 4-laning work is in advance stage of construction.

National Highway Development Project

205. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved National Highways Development Project which is essentially for the development of National Highways from two lane to four lane;

(b) if so, whether Government have conducted any survey of the National Highways of two lane in various States particularly in Himachal Pradesh to develop them in four lane;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the total length of road proposed for development from two lane to four lane under this project in Himachal Pradesh; and

(e) by when the work of development of National Highways in the State is likely to be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir. Under National Highway Development Project Phase-I, II and IIIA about 18,000 kms of National Highways are to be 4-lanned.

(b) and (c) The Detailed Project Report (DPR) work for most of the stretches are completed or initiated/under progress. In case of Himachal Pradesh, the DPR work for Haryana/Himachal Border to Shimla Section

of NH-22 has already been completed and updation of DPR for Parwanoo-Solan section is in progress.

(d) The work on 11 km. pertaining to North-South Corridor under NHDP Phase-II is in progress. 110 km. of National Highways have been identified for development under NHDP Phase-III in the State of Himachal Pradesh.

(e) The work for 4-laning of Parwanoo to Solan section of NH-22 is likely to be taken up by March 2008.

Condition of metalled roads

†206. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the metalled roads in various States of the country are in dilapidated condition;

(b) if so, the details of the amount sought as assistance from the Central Road Fund;

(c) the details of the assistance provided to the States during the last three years under this head year-wise; and

(d) the amount of assistance proposed to be provided to the States during the current five year plan, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIAPPA): (a) This Ministry is primarily responsible for National Highways. The responsibility of State roads lies with the State Government concerned. However, the proposals for the improvement of State roads under the assistance from the Central Road Fund (CRF) are approved by the Central Government.

(b) Till date, proposals amounting to Rs. 2612.20 crore are received from the various States for assistance from the CRF during the year 2006-07.

(c) and (d) The assistance proposed to be provided to the States during the current five year plan and year-wise details of the assistance provided to the States during the last three years under CRF is given in the enclosed Statement.

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